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Hi,

As per my previous objection I would like to officially state my objection once again.

I strongly oppose and object to the Aquind Interconnector project in its entirety.

We cannot rely or use Europe for our energy needs. They will and already are holding us to ransom.

We need British jobs for British renewable energy companies. If they don't exist, create them and level up.

I will quote another local's objection as I wholeheartedly agree with the following regarding the project too:

"I would like to reiterate that it is absolutely bizarre to bring this cable ashore at Eastney and then route it along the Eastern Road. This is one of the busiest roads in the south of England and is one of only three major arterial routes into the city. The level of disruption would be unbearable upon our already creaking infrastructure.

To add to this the proposed route runs alongside Langstone Harbour which is designated as a SSSI and could potentially harm these habitats and damage the migration of the already threatened Brent Geese. There has also been significant sea defence work along the same route which would be undermined by the laying of this cable.

Right from the start AQUIND has bullied Portsmouth residents. I can't think of a more thoughtless act than sending solicitors letters to residents, many elderly and frightened, asking them to provide details of land and home ownership. The AQUIND accounts show a lot of expenditure and no income. We know that some of this money has ended up in the UK Government's coffers. I find this appalling.

I sincerely hope that the UK Government rejects this plan completely and in doing so proves that it is genuinely interested in transparency and fair play."

Kind Regards,

Christopher Allwood